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# AlcoholEDU program for parents, students introduced

Tiara Williams | COLLEGIAN

K-State is set to implement a new program called AlcoholEdu for all new students that are not 21 years old by the first day of school in August.

According to a news release on the K-State website, AlcoholEdu, created by Outside the Classroom Inc., can be finished in about two hours and parents can participate with their child.

The parents' side of the program is much shorter in length and provides a way to move toward a conversation with their student about alcohol and college, according to the release.

Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students Pat Bosco said he is particularly excited about the parent component of the program. He said the use of alcohol has been a difficult issue at K-State and other universities. He also said it is important for the K-State family to help students during the sensitive time between high school and college.

AlcoholEdu is not a program teaching students about not drinking or drinking in moderation, it simply concentrates on making healthy decisions, Bosco said.

According to Outsidetheclassroom. com, this method creates a learning experience that motivates behavior change, resets unrealistic expectations about the effects of alcohol and links choices about drinking to academic and personal success. It also helps students practice safer decision-making and engages students to create a healthier campus community.

Breanna Stewart, freshman in music theater, said incoming students would not want to complete the program unless it counted for academic credit. She said she believes K-State is too great of a school for this aspect to push prospective students away.

"I've seen worse things on campus than a course on alcohol," she said. "Plus, this sounds pretty good; it could possibly stop a lot of deaths that happen on campus due to underage drinkers, because everyone knows how to drink but not everyone can handle it."

Stewart said she feels learning about alcohol could be beneficial, so it can be in the back of students' minds, like sex education classes

On the other hand, Mikel Regular, freshman in electrical engineering, said he does not think students would not take the program seriously.

"The kids that are going to take it will probably just half-heartedly do the work to pass and not pay attention to what the program is trying to teach them," he

Bosco said the program has had positive effects on other campuses and he said he thinks it will help students at K-State as well.

Over 500 colleges and universities nationwide use AlcoholEdu. A study conducted in 2007 at Villanova University showed students who completed the program reported a reduction in alcohol use, were less likely to expect positive outcomes from drinking, were less likely to make poor decisions as a result of alcohol use and were less accepting of others' alcohol use behaviors.

K-State will introduce the program at orientation and enrollment. In July, students and parents may complete AlcoholEdu at home before coming to campus in the fall.

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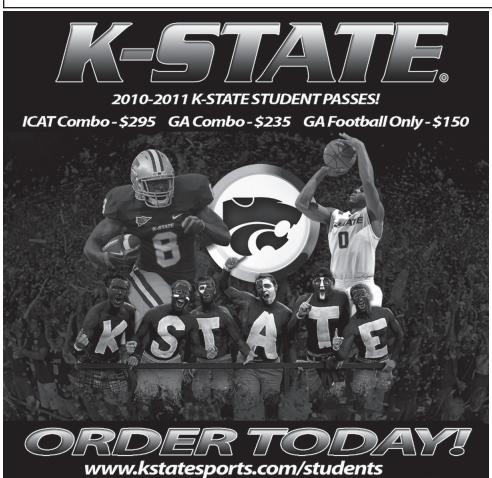


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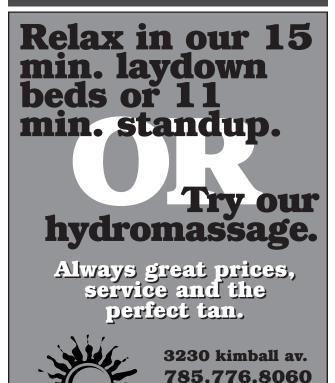
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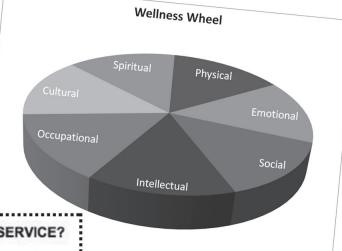
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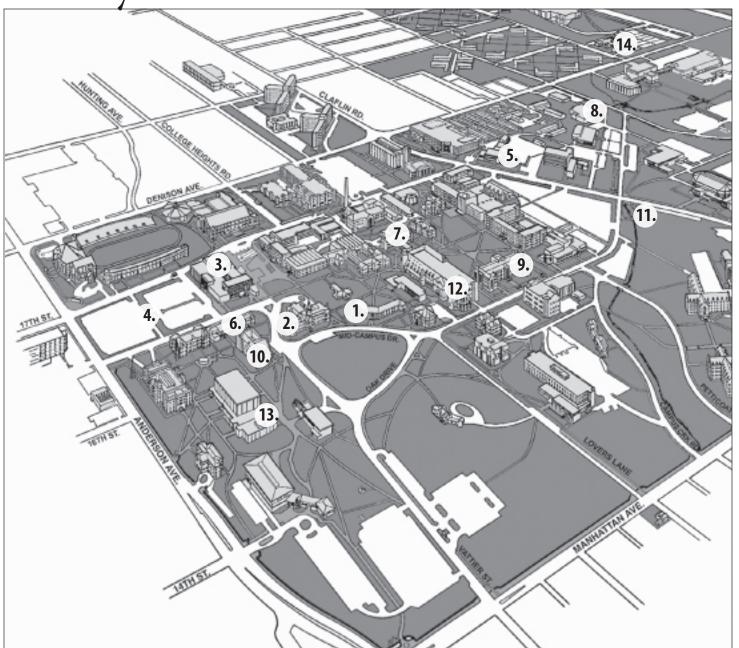
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# Keys to rental experience are to start early, stay aware

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If you haven't already found an apartment for the next semester, now is the time to do so. Actually, in truth, if you don't have something lined up for next semester, then the possibility of finding a decent place in Manhattan is deteriorating rapidly.

When I was on the search for my first dwelling after living in the dorms, I lucked out. An acquaintance of mine had very loving parents who bought a house within the city, though it was on the other side of town.

While my sophomore year was one of the better years of my college career, it was also an eye-opening experience. It is important for students to understand there are consequences when choosing roommates. I chose to live with four other people in a house and paid the price for that decision.

I enjoyed all the people I lived with that year. However, I learned very quickly that I am more of a "one roommate" person. I learned that it takes more patience to deal with multiple roommates than to live with just one or two.

People do not always get along and when someone moves into an apartment or home with several people they do not know very well – which is often the case in college – there will be conflict. There will also be late night parties when you have to study, dirty dishes that all your roommates refuse to acknowledge and trash. Lots of trash. Most of which belongs to other people, but you might have to deal with it.

It's important to remember when moving into a new place with new roommates, that those people have different lifestyles and living habits, which you don't necessarily agree with or understand. I am not a clean-freak like my mother, but I also don't enjoy living in a house where beer cans litter all the tables or trash piles up because people don't pick up after themselves.

Picking the "wrong" roommate is a common mistake that nearly everyone in college makes at some point. Wrong, meaning not the best choice of roommate for your lifestyle or living habits.

There is no way to know how other people live until you live with them, so it's hard to avoid this mistake. The only advice I can give is to be aware of this problem and try to make the right decision when

choosing roommates or when choosing between one roommate and four.

Another piece of advice is to start the search for a new place around February or March. If you start after late winter/early spring, then the nicer and cheaper places will be taken. Before my senior year, I didn't start searching until near the end of spring semester.

The apartment I ended up with has carpet in the bathroom, which is pretty nasty, if you think about it. Also, I don't have a dishwasher, there is a bug problem, the lock on my door was useless until my roommate asked for a new door, and my room had a slanted floor because it was once a sunroom. The location of my apartment is great, but the apartment overall is pretty disgusting.

The Manhattan Department of Fire Services has recently begun the process of enforcing the new Residential Rental Licensing and Inspection Program Ordinance. Its purpose is to protect both the tenants renting within the city and the interests of the landlords.

This ordinance was accepted by the city in order to protect tenants from places like mine. Though my apartment does not violate any conditions of the ordinance - I think - it is a step in the right direction to protect students from potentially dangerous apartments or homes.

As part of the ordinance, all dwelling units in the city that are not occupied by the owner of the property must have a license. A 'dwelling unit," as explained in the ordinance, is any single residential unit which provides complete, independent living facilities for one family. This includes apartments, apartments within a house, or houses which are rented out by

"Every unit in Manhattan has to have a rental license," said Kelsey Morgan, rental inspection secretary. "Basically, the rental inspection program was just started, but so far it's working really well."

As part of the rental inspection program and the licensing process, owners must allow for a building official to inspect each dwelling they own. Whenever the license of a unit is renewed, there must be a routine inspection by an official to make sure the unit does not have any violations.

"We are required to come in and



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do a routine inspection of the unit," said Rick Berry, rental inspection

Berry said there are several things that the officials will be looking for, both tenant- and landlord-related.

"One of the main issues that affects students is that by the ordinance, not more than four students or people that are unrelated can live in the same property," he said.

Berry said there have been several instances where more than six or seven unrelated tenants have been living in a unit. He said that by the ordinance, if there are more than four unrelated persons living in a unit, the extra persons are required to leave.

"Other than checking for the

number of occupants in a dwelling, we will also make sure that there are smoke detectors in every bedroom and on every level of a property," Berry said.

He said the officials will also be inspecting whether tenants have removed the batteries from any of the smoke detectors within a unit. The officials will also be looking for violations that are the landlord's responsibility.

"We will make sure that there is a minimum-size fire extinguisher in each unit," Berry said. "And another thing we will be checking for is the proper size for emergency escape windows in units."

He also said officials will be checking to see if each dwelling they inspect has proper trash receptacles with watertight lids for the tenants of the property. There are several other violations that the inspectors will also be looking for, which are all explained in the ordinance passed by the city.

"If we go in and find no violations, there won't have to be another inspection for five years for

that unit," Berry said. However, if violations are found, the officer establish a time period in which the tenants and/or the owner of the dwelling must fix the problems. If the violation is resolved within the given time period, then the next inspection of that until will be three years after the original inspection date.

All information about the new rental inspection program, along with the Rental Inspection Ordinance, inspection guidelines, applications for licenses, and a sample inspection report, are now available on the program's website, Ci.manhattan.ks.us/rentalinspec-

"We've worked really hard to get this website working," Berry said. "Hopefully by later this summer, people could go on the website and check to see if the property they want to rent is participating in the rental licensing."

Each dwelling unit in the city, Berry said, is supposed to be registered by October 1 and inspections are expected to begin in January 2011.

"Our job is to enforce whatever the City Commission passes," said Brad Claussen, building official. "And we will do that to the best of our ability."

Berry said that along with the website, there will also be more informational meetings for property owners and managers throughout the summer. The next informational meeting will be May 6, from 6 to 7 p.m. in the large assembly room at the Manhattan Fire Department Headquarters, located at 2000 Denison Ave.

The program's website will soon be a great resource for students who are looking for nicer places to live in Manhattan that are safe.

There is much more to consider when choosing a new place to live than who you will be living with and whether or not the apartment or home is licensed with the rental inspection program. However, these are two of the most important things to consider when changing locations.

# Library offers little-known services from Help Desk hub

Andrew Hammond | COLLEGIAN

It was a rainy Monday morning and Kansas State University students filed into the library to escape the weather. They searched for the nearest open computer to check their e-mail, Facebook and Twitter accounts.

For most students this is all that Hale Library offers them. Most do not use or know about the number of other services they pay for in their privilege fee.

Many students are unaware of the Media Development Center where they can check out cameras, laptops and other electronic equipment. Some are still surprised to find out that they have access to more than 2.3 million volumes of literature and text. Most have no idea about the sound recording booth or interlibrary loan benefits. All of these services can be accessed in some way or another on the second floor at the Help Desk.

The Help Desk is the hub of the library. The staff is trained to help answer patrons' questions and check books in and out. They have extensive knowledge of the library and even accompany students to different parts of the library to help them use other services. The location of the Help Desk is designed to assist students; it is one of the first aspects you see when you enter the library.

"I have used the Help Desk when I have questions about my computer," said Mindy Von Elling, senior in public relations, "but that is really it.

The Help Desk provides three main services: reserves, circulation and interlibrary loan, said Carolyn Hodgson, assistant head of circulation. "The Help Desk is designed to be a one-stop spot for students by putting reserves, circulation and interlibrary loan all in one place," Hodgson said.

Students pay for use of the library through their privilege fee, which is around \$700 each academic year.

"The library's portion goes towards maintaining facilities, collections and services," said Donna Ekart, communications

coordinator and librarian. Some students, like George Aiken, freshman in chemical

engineering, do take advantage of Hale. "I have used the library to check out books, study, use computers, reserve rooms and do a search request for a missing book," Aiken said. "It's a great library, easy to find what you need, well-organized and the Help Desk people are very

The Help Desk has at least two research assistants that are available to help students with any research projects and pa-

The Help Desk is open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Sundays.

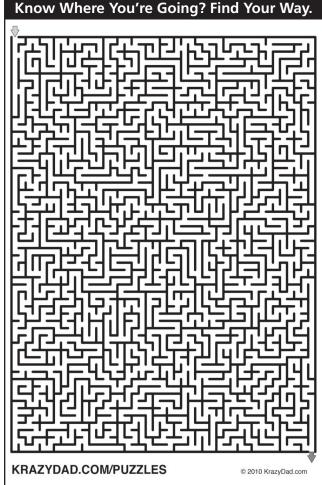
So, while some students mill about in the library waiting for the rain to stop or continuing to procrastinate on the computer, there are numerous other amenities that go unnoticed.

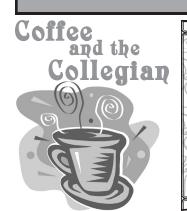
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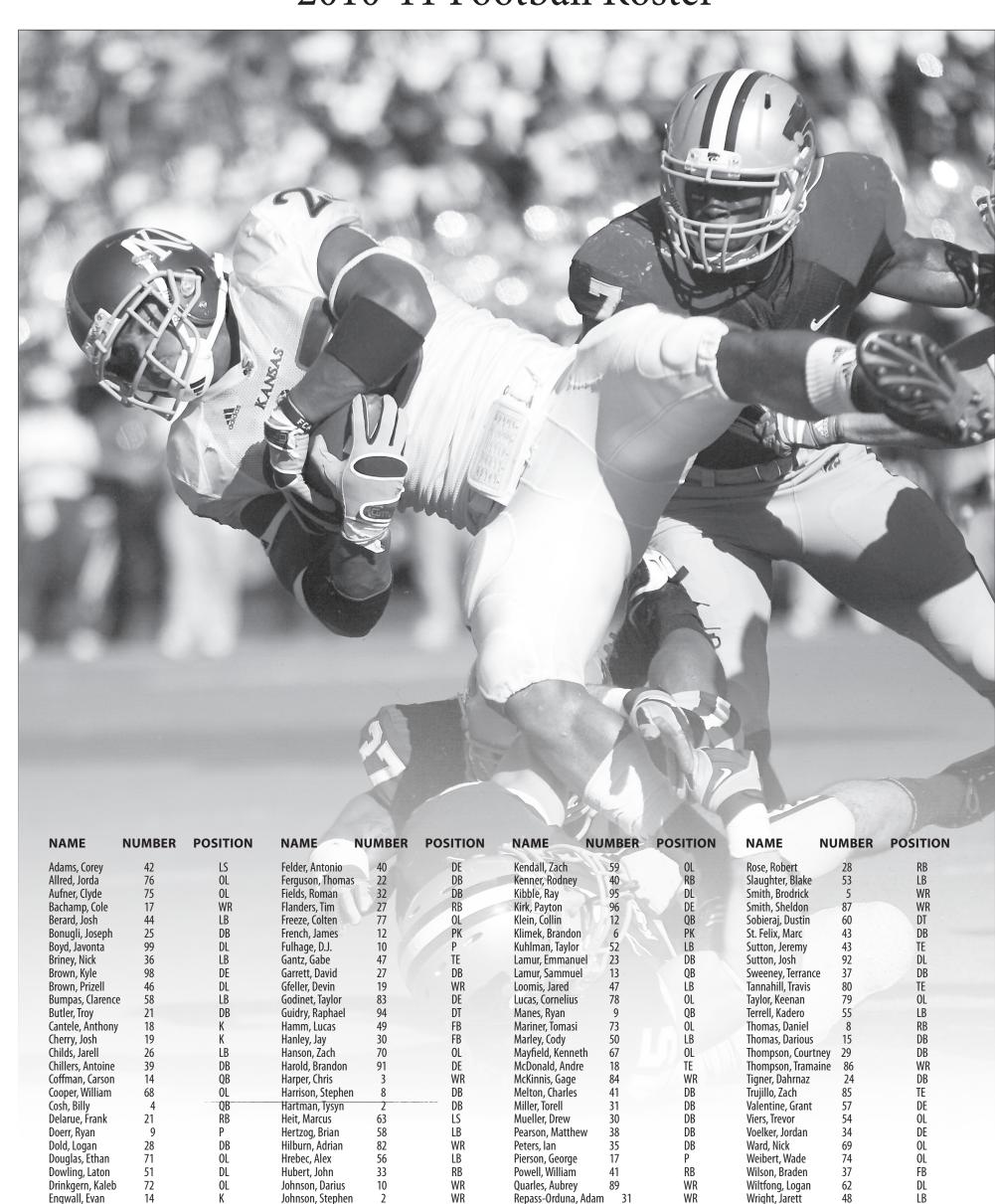


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